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NPIC/PEG (11/83)Copy 30**PREPARATIONS FOR COMBAT OPERATIONS**
BAGRAM AIRFIELD, AFGHANISTAN

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** AN INCREASE OF FROGFOOT A GROUND ATTACK AIRCRAFT AND THE DEPLOYMENT OF ELEMENTS OF A COMMAND, CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION (C3) CENTER AT BAGRAM AIRFIELD INDICATE THAT A MAJOR SOVIET COMBAT OPERATION IS ABOUT TO BEGIN. (SWN)

2. **REMARKS:** TEN FROGFOOT A HAVE DEPLOYED TO BAGRAM AIRFIELD SINCE

[REDACTED] THESE FROGFOOT A JOIN TWO ADDITIONAL FROGFOOT, HERE [REDACTED] ALL 12 FROGFOOT ARE AT THE SOUTH-SOUTHWEST END OF THE AIRFIELD NEAR A MUNITIONS STOCKPILE. AT LEAST FOUR OF THE FROGFOOT APPEAR TO BE LOADED WITH STORES/MUNITIONS. THE ADDITIONAL FROGFOOT PROBABLY CAME FROM KUNDUZ AIRFIELD [REDACTED] WHERE FOUR WERE SEEN FOR THE FIRST TIME [REDACTED] AND SHINDAND AIRFIELD [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE HOME BASE FOR FROGFOOT BASED IN AFGHANISTAN. IN ADDITION TO THE FROGFOOT, TWO SPECIAL PURPOSE CURL AIRCRAFT (PROBABLE TACTICAL C3 AIRCRAFT) HAVE ARRIVED HERE [REDACTED] (GRAPHIC 1). (SWN)

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ELEMENTS OF A C3 CENTER HAVE BEEN NEWLY DEPLOYED NEXT TO THE NORTHEAST AIRBORNE REGIMENT AREA [REDACTED] (GRAPHIC 2). THIS C3 CENTER CONSISTS OF AT LEAST ELEMENTS OF ONE SCREEN ENCLOSED INDEPENDENT SERVICE AND SECURITY UNIT, ONE TWIN EAR TROPOSCATTER RELAY SET, AND A RADIO COMMUNICATIONS ELEMENT, INCLUDING AT LEAST FOUR DEPLOYED R-409 CATS EYE/CATS PAW RADIO VAN TRUCKS. MOST OF THE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS ELEMENT AND SUPPORT VEHICLES ARE CAMOUFLAGED/NET COVERED. A FIRE SUPPORT BASE (NOT SHOWN), CONSISTING OF ONE BATTERY OF SIX BM-21 MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHERS AND ONE BATTERY OF SIX 122MM HOWITZERS M-30, ALSO HAS BEEN DEPLOYED IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE C3 CENTER [REDACTED] THESE ARTILLERY ELEMENTS HAVE MOVED HERE FROM THE 108TH GUARDS MOTORIZED RIFLE DIVISION HOUSED AT BAGRAM SOVIET BARRACKS [REDACTED] THE DIRECTION-OF-FIRE OF THESE ELEMENTS INDICATES THAT THE COMBAT OPERATIONS WILL PROBABLY OCCUR SOMEWHERE WEST OF BAGRAM AIRFIELD. SIMILAR PREPARATIONS AND ENSUING COMBAT OPERATIONS WERE OBSERVED HERE [REDACTED] (SWN)

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OTHER ACTIVITY PROBABLY RELATED TO PREPARATIONS FOR COMBAT OPERATIONS INCLUDES THE DEPARTURE OF THREE BTR-60 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER (APC)-EQUIPPED MOTORIZED RIFLE COMPANIES FROM JABAL OS SARAJ ARMY CAMP SOVIET [REDACTED]

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THE DEPARTURE OF THREE AIRBORNE COMPANIES FROM THE AIRBORNE REGIMENT AT BAGRAM AIRFIELD; THE DEPARTURE OF THREE BMD/BTR-70 APC-EQUIPPED AIRBORNE COMPANIES FROM KABUL BKS REGIMENT A BN HQ A SCH BALA HISAR [REDACTED] AND THE PREPARATIONS FOR DEPARTURE OF THE BMP APC-EQUIPPED MR REGIMENT ELEMENTS FROM KABUL DEPLOYMENT AREA SW [REDACTED]

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(SWN)

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, 25 NM NORTH OF KABUL AND 130NM SOUTH OF THE AFGHANISTAN-USSR BORDER, IS A MAJOR FIGHTER, HELICOPTER, AND LOGISTICS BASE SUPPORTING SOVIET COMBAT OPERATIONS IN AFGHANISTAN. (SWN)

3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 34-57-00N 069-16-02E

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